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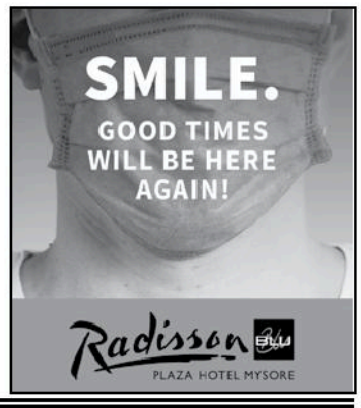

Ch. Hill Road widening works in full swing

Pending works from Mahishasura Statue to Kurubarahalli Circle under progress

Works on concreting the sides of the road to prevent soil erosion and landslips underway atop the Hill.

Mysuru, June 9 (RK&KS)- The Rs. 9.03 crore road widening and development works, taken up from Chamundi Hill to Kurubarahalli Circle, which was stopped following COVID-19 lockdown, has resumed since about 15 days.

So far the widening of the stretches from Nandi Statue to Mahishasura Statue atop the Hill, construction of retaining wall, storm water drain and footpath along the main road, construction of retaining wall and storm water drain along new Nandi Statue Road, development of old Nandi Road, construction of retaining wall on Jwalamukhi Road, development of Venkatasubba Rao Road, Konanere Road, Hukkeri Road and Bull View Road has been completed.

The remaining works (road widening and development, resurface, storm water drains and footpaths on both sides, installation of reflector studs, traffic sign boards and road asphalting) costing Rs. 3.95 crore from Mahishasura Statue to Kurubarahalli Circle (7.8 km) has been taken up now.

The works are going on in full swing under the supervision of PWD Assistant Executive Engineer (AEE) Raju. The tender for this works was called much earlier and was awarded to PWD Contractor Yoganand.

It may be recalled that the Road widening and development works were taken up following instructions from the then District Minister V. Somanna, during his inspection of Chamundi Hill following heavy rains and collapsing of a portion of the retaining wall on the stretch between View Point and Nandi Statue.

As the 7.8 km-long Chamundi Hill Road was an important road, the PWD authorities in their proposal, had stressed on the need to widen the stretch from Nandi Statue to Mahishasura Statue in order to avoid traffic congestion, especially on Fridays, weekends and other public holidays.

TN man tests positive for COVID-19 in Mysuru

- Manasara Road in Ittigegud sealed down, residents put under Home Quarantine
- Of the total 101 positive cases in Mysuru, 96 discharged

Mysuru, June 9 (RK&KS)- A 50-year-old man from Tamil Nadu (TN), who had come to city for some work at the industrial area last Saturday and stayed at his in-law's house on Manasara Road in Ittigegud, has tested positive for COVID-19 last night. The patient has been shifted to the COVID Hospital on KRS Road here.

As the man had developed COVID-19 symptoms, he voluntarily went to a private hospital for a check up and the hospital's management informed the District Administration about it.

Soon, the Health officials put him under Facility Quarantine at Basappa Memorial Hospital (BMH) on Hunsur Road, collected his throat fluids and sent it for testing. As the lab reports showed him to be COVID-19 positive last night, the patient was shifted to the COVID Hospital for treatment. There are 30 houses on Manasara Road, where the patient stayed. The entire stretch has been sealed down and the residents have been put under Home Quarantine. According to the May 21 order of the Deputy Commissioner, only the road where the house of COVID-19 patient is located has to be sealed down.

Meanwhile, the MCC staff have begun spraying disinfectant on the road and surrounding places of the house in which the patient was staying and the Health staff are monitoring the health of all those under Home Quarantine.

MCC Development Officer Bharath, Nazarbad Inspector G.N. Srikanth and MCC Health Officers Dr. Jayanth and Dr. D.G. Nagaraj are supervising the disinfection process of the area. Thermal screening of those in Home Quarantine will be taken up daily and essential commodities to the residents too will be supplied by the MCC.

Now the total positive cases in the district are 101 with 96 patients being discharged and five active cases remaining.

Sugar baron Murugesh Nirani in city

Invites Pramoda Devi to re-open Pandavapura Sugar Factory

Mysuru, June 9 (RKB&DM)- Just a couple of days after Bagalkot District-based MRN (Murugesh Rudrappa Nirani) Sugars bagged the Rs.405 crore contract for running the decades-old Pandavapura Sahakara Sakkare Karkhane Niyamita (PSSKL) at Pandavapura in Mandya District on a 40-year lease, BJP MLA from Bilgi and former Minister Murugesh Nirani, who owns MRN Sugars Group, visited the city this morning. He called on the member of the erstwhile Mysore Royal family Pramoda Devi Wadiyar at the Palace and invited her to inaugurate the Pandavapura Sugar Factory afresh when it recommences production under his Group's management in about two months from now.

Later speaking to presspersons in the Palace premises, Nirani said that he met Pramoda Devi to seek her date for a fresh start of Pandavapura Factory which was established during the times of the Maharajas.

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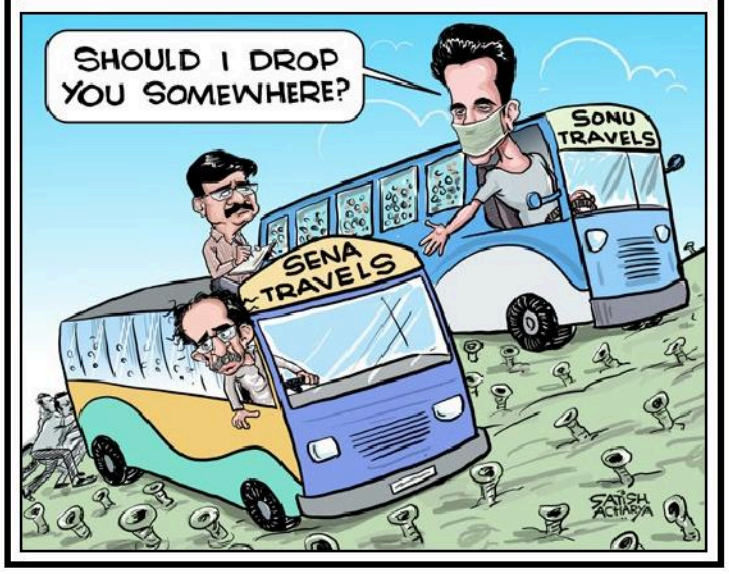

Tree-planting, sticker campaign on Environment Day

Devi Kere rejuvenation to complete before mid-July 2020

Mysuru, June 9- World Environment Day was celebrated by Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Mysuru, at Nadanahalli Lake (Devi Kere) by planting saplings on the banks of the lake.

Amit Kumar, Chairman, CII Mysuru and Pavan G. Ranga, Vice-Chairman, CII Mysuru, along with Sam Cherian and Savitha Mallapa, Convenor and Co-Convenor of CII CSR Panel respectively and Dr. Pradeep Manjunath and Nikhil Koundinya, Chair and Co-Chair of CII-Yi (Young Indians) respectively and Vikram Hebbar, GM-HR in JK Tyre and Basil Joshi, GM-HR in Rishi FIBC, were present on the occasion along with other CSR Panel members and local resident members.

Devi Kere is being rejuvenated in association with District Administration and CII with the support of JK Tyre & Industries Ltd. and rProcess Outsourcing Services Pvt. Ltd., which is expected to complete before mid-July 2020. More than 200 saplings will be planted around the lake to make it home for many birds and even for migrating birds.

Planting the saplings at the lake vicinity, CII Chairman Amit Kumar suggested that every individual has a responsibility to save the Mother Nature and requested to plant at least one tree sapling during the month of June.

Pavan Ranga, Vice-Chairman, asked on how once upon a time such good lakes got disappeared over a period of time and after rejuvenating how to sustain these lakes and requested the local community to support sustain such initiatives of CII.

Sam Cherian, Convenor of CSR Panel, suggested to look at such other dying lakes in and around the city which can be rejuvenated with the support of the District Administration.

SESHADRIPURAM DEGREE COLLEGE: The NSS Unit of Seshadripuram Degree College in association with NSS Cell, University of Mysore (UoM), celebrated World Environment Day with the theme 'Plant Trees and Save Lives' by adopting two public parks at Lakshmikantanagar on June 5. B. Umesh, wildlife photographer and Shivanna, former Corporator, Lakshmikantanagar and Lakshmi Shivanna, Corporator, Lakshmikantanagar, were the chief guests. They planted and watered the saplings as part of the celebrations. Around 100 saplings were planted by the staff and the NSS volunteers. N. Archanaswamy, Prnicipal, SIPUC and Prof. K. Sowmya Erappa, Principal, Seshadripuram Degree College and the staff members were present. R. Raghavendra, NSS Officer, proposed a vote of thanks and requested all to plant a sapling and to look after it until it grows big enough to sustain itself.

CII YOUNG INDIANS (YI), MYSURU: Team of CII Yi Mysuru celebrated World Environment Day by uniquely starting a sticker campaign. Tree saplings were also planted at Vani Vilas Water Works (VVWW).

These stickers say 'Clean and Green Mysuru' to educate outsiders about our clean city and to maintain the same, and for Mysureans to have a feel good factor about the city. Gurudutta Hegde, Commissioner, MCC and Dr. Nagaraj, Health Officer, MCC, Amit Kumar, Chairman, CII Mysuru, Pavan Ranga, Vice-Chairman, CII Mysuru, Dr. M. Pradeep, Chairman, Young Indians, Nikhil P. Koundinya, Co-Chair, Yi Mysuru, along with the team of Executive Council members, pasted these stickers on MCC vehicles. A total of 5,000 stickers will be distributed to Mysureans by the team to be pasted on their vehicles. Bharath Devarajappa, G.L. Shubha, Ravi Shankar, Raghavendra, Smitha Tom, Abhigna Rajiv from Yi Executive Council distributed the stickers to the public.

Fifteen killed in road accidents during lockdown from March 1 to May 31

Mysuru, June 9 (RK&KS)- Following COVID-19 pandemic and restrictions on the movement of vehicles, the number of accidents had come down, but still, 15 persons were killed and 100 injured in 90 road accidents that took place during the lockdown period from Mar. 1 to May 31 in all Traffic Police limits in city.

In 2019, between Mar. 1 and May 31, 37 people were killed and nearly 200 persons were injured in 171 road accident cases. Due to COVID-19 lockdown restrictions, the number of road accidents in city had come down with fewer fatalities.

As the lockdown has been relaxed from June 1 and the authorities are giving permission for religious places, tourist spots and various commercial establishments to open from June 8, the density of vehicles plying on roads have increased. Many, who were afraid to take KSRTC service or autorickshaws for their destinations are now taking out their vehicles to reach their destinations, resulting in more vehicular traffic in city, according to Traffic Police.

Leopard hiding inside house caught

Gundlupet, June 9 (SOMG &KS)- A leopard that had taken shelter inside a house has been caught by the Forest Department staff.

The leopard, which had sneaked into a house of one Mahadeva at Baragi Tribal Colony in Bandipur Reserve Forest's buffer zone, had stayed put in the house, scaring the residents who informed the Forest Department officials.

The Forest officials and staff, who rushed to the spot, managed to catch the three-year-old leopard, which was later released into Moolehole Forest area.

Rurk's ristella skink spotted in Kodagu village

Madikeri, June 9 (BCT)- A rare Rurk's ristella skink was found by some wildlife enthusiasts on their way to Madapur in Kodagu district recently. Ristella rurkii, commonly known as Rurk's ristella, is a species of skink endemic to the Western Ghats of Southern India. It is a small, insectivorous, diurnal skink found in Shola grasslands and rainforests of hills ranges in parts of Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Kerala.

The specific name, rurkii, is in honour of "Dr. Rurk" who collected the type specimen in the Anaimalai Hills, High Ranges, Travancore, and the Palani Hills, of Tamil Nadu and Kerala. It is endemic to rainforests South of Palghat Gap.

It is a small, slender lizard and grows up to 15 inches in total length (including tail). The skin is bronze-coloured, with dark sides. The eyelids are immovable, in contrast to many other skinks. It is a shy species, which lives under stones and leaves in dry places, such as South slopes, fields and meadows. It is active during twilight and hunts for insects and small snails. It is a typical ground dweller and dislikes climbing.

A.A. Poovaiah of Wildlife First, who spotted the skink by the side of the road, told 'Star of Mysore' that he confirmed with retired Forest Officer and Wildlife First Trustee K.M. Chinnappa that it was a rare sighting. "Chinnappa has been inside forests of Kodagu (Western Ghats) all through his life and he has not seen the species so far," Poovaiah said. The photo of this Caecilian was clicked by Putherira Pappu Thimmaiah.

VOICE OF THE READER

Non-functioning
street light set right

Sir,

I had recently written about non-functioning of street light in Income Tax Layout, Mysuru, for the past ten days.

Today afternoon, this repair work was attended to by the authorities providing much relief to the residents.

I take this opportunity to thank the authorities for redressing the grievance and also *'SOM'* for highlighting the issue.

— J.S. Anil Kumar
Income Tax Layout
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Electrical Dealers to
reconstitute Association

Mysuru, June 9- The members of Mysore Electrical Dealers Association held a meeting in city recently and decided to reconstitute their old Association.

The following decision was taken at the meeting: Business establishment should be closed daily by 8 pm; Premises should be closed on Republic Day (Jan.26), Independence Day (Aug.15) and Kannada Rajyotsava (Nov.1) of every year.

In near future, election will be held and a Committee of 11 members will be formed for registration of the Association, said a press release from the Association.

Present during the meeting were Rajendra Kumar Makana, Mahaveer Nangawat, Mohan, Altaf, Prakashchand, Mahendra, Vijay, Lalith, Amra Ram and Bhawarlal.

Takes charge as MySugar MD

Mandya, June 9 (Nagaiah)- Amid speculations of privatisation, senior IAS Officer P. Vasanthkumar took charge as the new Managing Director (MD) of State-run MySugar Factory here on Saturday. He succeeds Shantharam, who was transferred on June 1. Vasanthkumar is a native of Mandya district, hailing from Malavalli.

HOPCOMS
to door deliver
horticultural produce

Mysuru, June 9- The city's HOPCOMS, coming under the Horticulture Department, has come up with 'HOPCOMS ONLINE', a mobile app that enables delivery of fresh fruits and vegetables to the doorsteps of customers. The customers can download this 'HOPCOMS ONLINE' app from Google Play Store and send their orders online to HOPCOMS, according to a press release from the Deputy Director of Horticulture, Zilla Panchayat, Mysuru.

Online Chess Training

Mysuru, June 9- Yadav School of Chess, Shivamogga, will be conducting Online Chess Training for children and interested public. The 30-day training will be given using voice, video and pictures though WhatsApp group. This training is only for those who know very little or nothing about Chess. Online Training will be held from June 12 to July 12 for only 50 members on first come first serve basis. Interested may contact Pranesh Yadav (International Arbiter and Trainer) on Mob: 92424-01702 / 86181-08601.

L&T Construction converts healthcare units into COVID-19 care facilities

Mysuru, June 9- The Building and Factories business of L&T Construction has transformed established or under-construction healthcare units into COVID-19 care facilities across India.

The construction arm of Larsen & Toubro (L&T), with its mission-oriented and fast-track approach, turned around large-scale healthcare infrastructure into COVID care facilities in the cities of New Delhi, Champaran and Madhepura in Bihar, Puducherry, Diamond Harbour in West Bengal and Gorakhpur in Uttar Pradesh. The company has the capability to construct 300-bed hospitals in record three to four months. It is capable of quickly turning around existing or under-construction medical infrastructure into COVID related facilities and transform large establishments like marriage halls, schools and hotel rooms quickly into isolation wards.

Commenting on the development, M.V. Satish, Whole Time Director and Senior Executive Vice-President (Buildings, Minerals & Metals), L&T said, "We have ace engineering and construction capabilities, yielding a fast turnaround of healthcare infrastructure for COVID-19 care. This is another contribution from the stable of Larsen & Toubro to India's fight against COVID-19 as the company believes in serving the nation through thick and thin. We will continue to accelerate our efforts to aid Governments in providing prompt relief to citizens through critical healthcare infrastructure."

"Apart from L&T Group's Rs. 150 crore donation to the PM Cares Fund, looking after the welfare of 160,000-plus workmen at our various work sites and contributing in cash and kind to several States for welfare, L&T has also provided medical aid worth about Rs. 40 crore comprising PPEs, N95 masks, diagnostic kits and other medical equipment. Our hospitals business unit has been empowering several Government agencies to build much needed healthcare infrastructure during this pandemic," added Satish.

Illegal entry of foreign nationals into Bandipur
Forest officials, Police take them and bikes into custody

Gundlupet, June 9 (KS)- Three foreign nationals, who had entered Bandipur Tiger Reserve Forest illegally on bikes on Sunday and allegedly created nuisance with the Forest staff, have been taken into custody along with their bikes.

The three foreign nationals are Ricardo, Miguel Garrido, and Thomas Pinho, all from Portugal. It is learnt that the three are DRDO Special Engineers, who had flown to DRDO in Bengaluru for aircraft maintenance. Despite not having permission to move around, the trio on two rented bikes – KA-03-AH-4238 and KA-03-AJ-0648 — came to Bandipur from Bengaluru and had entered the forest area illegally.

When the Forest staff stopped and questioned them, they are said to have not given proper information and created nuisance with the forest staff. Assistant Conservator of Forests (ACF) Paramesh, Bandipur Project Tiger Director T. Balachandra and the Gundlupet Police, who rushed to the spot, took custody of the foreign nationals and their bikes.

Balachandra, speaking to 'Star of Mysore' said that the three Portugal nationals, had entered the forest area illegally and added that as they are foreign nationals, action cannot be taken under the Forest Department Act, hence they were interrogated under the Wildlife Protection Act.

Continuing, Balachandra said that the DRDO has written a letter asking the Forest Department to let them go after issuing warning and added that the Portugal Ambassador in Bengaluru, would be arriving at Bandipur on June 9 and an enquiry will be conducted.

Balachandra further said that to keep healthy relationship with Portugal, the trio would be fined and warnings would be given before letting them go. He further said that the bikes would not be released, but a case would be registered against the bike rental agency and investigation would be conducted.

Meanwhile, it is learnt that a DRDO official was on his way from Bengaluru and would reach Bandipur in the afternoon.

Obituary

Nellira S. Somaiah

Mysuru, June 9- Nellira S. Somaiah (91), retired Assistant Commissioner and a resident of Ramakrishnanagar 'H' Block, passed away yesterday night in city. He leaves behind two sons, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends. Cremation was held at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon.

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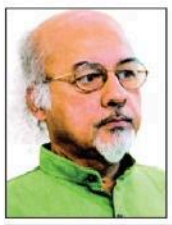

Point of VIEW

T.J.S. George

Mysuru will never be the same to me again; Southern Star, my home on many a visit, has shut down. Tennis will not be the same again; Wimbledon has been cancelled this year, an outright sin. A cinema hall will not be a cinema hall again for any of us. How can a self-respecting "hall" live in an age when only 50 people can gather for a marriage and only 20 for a funeral? Even a prized restaurant will not remain so when social distancing matters more than food.

Before closing, Southern Star said "business has come to a standstill." How can business be otherwise when people are scared to travel, scared to eat out, scared to go to places where people gather? Official sources say India has about 53,000 hotels and 70 lakh restaurants in the organised category and 2.3 crore restaurants in the unorganised sector. A majority of them are seeing business coming to a standstill, although some reputed 5-star brands are bravely saying they are going to prosper. To make things worse, the Government has asked the hotel industry to pay next year's excise tax now. Typical bureaucratic thinking, but when hotels close down, how will Government get its excise tax?

The same logic applies to other sectors. French Open, the tennis classic, was to take place in May. It did not because the Government banned mass gatherings until July. Will mass gatherings be safe when the French Open takes place in late September as now scheduled? Bureaucracy never asks such inconvenient questions.

If present indications are anything to go by, mass gatherings are never going to be safe again. Which means that spectator-sports will never be spectator-sports from now on. Wimbledon and World Cup football tournaments will have to think the unthinkable: Empty galleries as Federer and Nadal, Ronaldo and Messi perform their magic.

Roland Garros where the French Open takes place is famous for its narrow and crammed geography, crafted it would seem to make social intimacy the way of life. The authorities now think that the 17 courts should keep spectators out for health and safety reasons. So what can the players do except play before empty galleries. To be fair, won't the same health and safety factors apply in the dressing rooms and other off-court zones where staff and attenders gather? Are we entering a phase where spectator-sports will be confined entirely to television?

Similar conundrums are shaking other spheres as well. Film Producers are releasing their new productions on digital platforms, making distributors and theatre owners indignant. The Producers Guild of India has worked out guidelines on sanitisation, temperature checks, social distancing formats and even including a medical team in outdoor shooting units. This will transform the very nature of the film industry. But even temperature checks and stuff like that have a limit beyond which nothing can be done. A cinema theatre with 200 seats may admit only 100 people leaving the other seats empty. Is that sufficient social distancing in a closed environment where everyone inhales and exhales the same air? If it is air-conditioned air, as is usually the case, the problem gets worse. With half the tickets unsold, how viable will cinema halls be? Indeed, with no Wimbledon and no Cinema, how liveable is Life itself?

Industry and business will also be less viable under the new enforced restrictions. Some of the best known companies have cancelled some of their most publicised events. Among these were Facebook and Google and IBM. According to experts, cancellation of major tech events has already incurred more than 1 billion dollars in direct economic losses. Shifting activities online has helped to some extent. But they are no substitute to in-person opportunities.

Corona is already making changes in our everyday life. Telemedicine is an idea that has been gaining ground because it reduces person-to-person contacts. Doctors are recommending more do-it-yourself solutions — blood pressure cuffs, home digital stethoscope, medical exam kits. Similarly, the idea of working from home has been gaining ground because it is considered safer than office where the whole staff collects.

Time will no longer be recorded in terms of the Common Era. AD and BC, based on Jesus Christ, are gone. So are CE (Common Era) and BCE. Now everything will give way to a new vision of AC and BC — After Corona and Before Corona. As Indonesia's Security Minister put it last week: "Corona is like your wife. Initially you try to control it. When you realise you can't, you learn to live with it."

In a Mission Mode, SWR manufactures 2,252 PPEs for Health Workers

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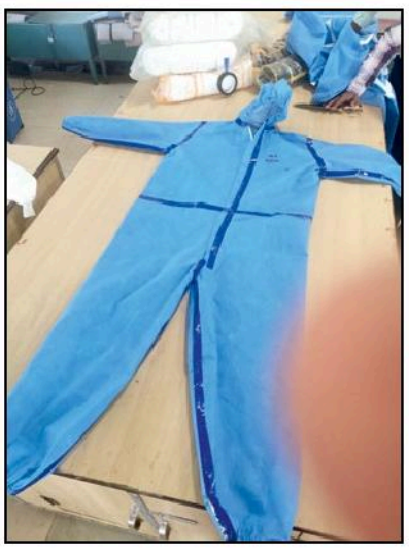
- Each of the Workshops to manufacture 8,400 coveralls in next two months



Mysuru, June 9- Indian Railways Production Units, Workshops and Field Units have started manufacturing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) coveralls for medical and healthcare personnel, who get directly exposed to the COVID-19 disease when working amongst infected patients.

Indian Railways' Doctors, Medical Professionals, other health workers and care-givers are working tirelessly fighting the COVID-19 disease. As a first line of defence against contracting the Novel Coronavirus, they need to be provided with a special kind of impervious coverall that acts as a barrier to the virus as well as other disease-carrying fluids. As the incidence of COVID-19 increases, even though in a relatively controlled manner, the requirement of PPE coveralls is also multiplying.

Aiding the medical fraternity by providing protective gear as they battle the pandemic, South Western Railway (SWR) has started manufacture of high quality PPE coveralls from Apr.21, 2020 and so far has manufactured 2,252 coveralls as prescribed by Ministry of Health and Family welfare. The SWR Workshops at Hubballi and Mysuru have successfully replicated the high quality PPE coveralls.

Hubballi Workshop of SWR has manufactured 1,612 coveralls. Of these 650 were done in April and 662 coveralls in May. During this month so far 300 coveralls have been manufactured. Mysuru Workshop has manufactured 640 coveralls, 340 during the month of April and 300 coveralls in May 2020.

8,400 coveralls in next 2 months

PPE suits are being manufactured in Workshops of Hubballi and Mysuru under strict quality control as per the established standards. Each of the Workshops are targeted to manufacture 8,400 coveralls in next two months.

In order to fill the gap in availability and requirements of PPEs, Jagadhari Workshop of Northern Railway had taken the initiative to design and manufacture a prototype PPE coverall. The prototype coverall was tested by Defence Research Development Establishment (DRDE) Laboratory of DRDO at Gwalior, authorised for conducting such tests. The coverall samples passed all the tests conducted by DRDE with the highest grades.

All this has been done despite there being a major global shortage of appropriate raw material as well as machinery for manufacturing PPE coveralls. Behind this endeavour is the time-tested capability of Indian Railway's Workshops and Production Units of manufacturing and maintaining some of the safest Railway rolling stock in the world.

The same capabilities, expertise, protocols and procedures usually followed for design, manufacturing and use of rolling stock, have been utilised for enabling field units and workshops to start manufacturing high quality PPE coveralls so rapidly.

These coveralls will go a long way in equipping doctors treating COVID-19 patients at Divisional Railway Hospital, Bengaluru, with 50 beds and 6 ICU beds and now converted as exclusive COVID Hospital.

Similarly, doctors will also be equipped with coveralls for treating COVID-19 patients at Divisional Railway Hospital, Mysuru, with 74 beds and at Central Hospital, Hubballi with 30 beds converted as isolation blocks and earmarked for COVID-19 patients, according to a press release from the Chief Public Relations Officer, SWR, Hubballi.

Rellow Plaque installed at Kuvempu's 'Udayaravi' house in Mysuru

Yuva Brigade launches new project to introduce State's great personalities and places of importance

Mysuru, June 9 (PM&BNR)- A Blue Plaque is installed in a public place in the United Kingdom and elsewhere as a permanent sign to commemorate a link between that location and a famous person, event, or former building on the site, serving as a historical marker. Similarly, to identify places, persons and buildings which have special link, the Yuva Brigade, led by its Founder Chakravarti Sulibele, has taken up a new project of installing 'Rellow Plaques' (Plaques with Red and Yellow colours) at such significant places.

The Rellow Plaque features brief description of the place where it will be installed apart from uploading the details of such places on the website ***'rellowplaques.com'***

The new initiative was launched in city yesterday by installing 'Rellow Plaque' at 'Udayaravi', the house of Rashtrakavi Kuvempu in V.V. Mohalla, Mysuru. The plaque was unveiled by Kuvempu's daughter Tarini and son-in-law Dr. K. Chidananda Gowda, who is also the former Vice-Chancellor of Kuvempu University.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Chidananda Gowda said that installing of Rellow Plaque is a good move. "There are instances of people, who come to Mysuru to visit Kuvempu's residence, searching for his house in Kuvempunagar. Hence, this initiative is of great help to public," he added.

Tarini Chidananda expressed her gratitude stating: "Many do not know about the residence of Kuvempu in Mysuru. Now, with this project, information will be available at the finger tip on internet."

Yuva Brigade Founder and Orator Chakravarti Sulibele said that it has been six years since Yuva Brigade started social activities with no expectations. "When everybody was at home during the lockdown, we got an idea of introducing the places and personalities of importance to the public and thus, the project was started," he added.

"Rellow Plaques will be installed at places/ sites of importance and information will be uploaded regarding the same on the website. Also, Google Map link will be given. In the first phase, we have identified 600 such places in the State. One day-1 itself, we have installed such plaques at 60 places. In this website, we have also made provision for public to give information of any place of importance they know where we can install Rellow Plaques," he explained.

Yuva Brigade's S. Chandrashekar, Prashanth, Nityananda Vivekavamshi, Mahendra and others were present.

Yuva Brigade Founder Chakravarti Sulibele, Kuvempu's daughter Tarini and son-in-law Dr. K. Chidananda Gowda seen after unveiling the Rellow Plaque at 'Udayaravi' in VV Mohalla, Mysuru, yesterday.

This is not a new idea. When I was on England tour, I wanted to visit places which Swami Vivekananda had visited. 'Blue Plaques' facility there helped me identify such places. Similarly, we too have started the initiative under the *'Rellow Plaques.'* A total of 15 places have been identified in Mysuru including Kuvempu's residence and world's only Sanskrit daily *'Sudharma'* published from city. **—Chakravati Sulibele**

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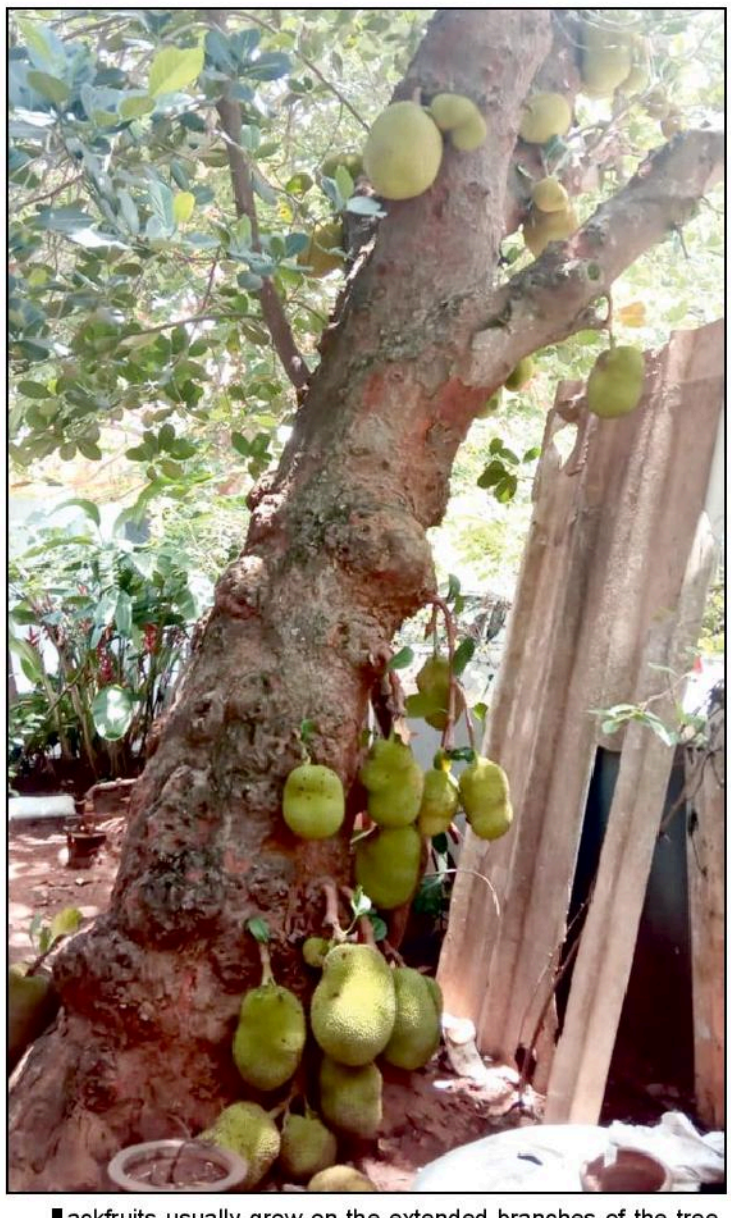

Jackfruits usually grow on the extended branches of the tree, forcing people to use a ladder to climb up the tree to pluck the fruits. But, if you happen to visit the house of Kuvempu in VV Mohalla, you can see the fruits growing from the bottom of the trunk itself making it easy for people to pluck them once ripe for consuming.

Kuvempu's Mysuru residence as Museum

We are ready to handover 'Udayaravi' residence of Poet Laureate Kuvempu in Mysuru to the Government to convert it into Museum," said Kuvempu's son-in-law Dr. Chidananda Gowda.

Speaking to press persons at 'Udayaravi,' he said that from many years talks are on to convert Kuvempu's residence into Museum and we have agreed happily to handover the house to the Government. However, we have some conditions for which the Government should agree before taking over the house, he added.

"After converting the house into Museum, a Management Committee has to be formed to maintain the same and two members of Kuvempu's family must be made members of that Committee. Kuvempu's house in Kuppalli, Shivamogga, has already been converted into Museum and is being maintained well by the Government. If similarly, 'Udayaravi' is also maintained, we have no objections," he added.

World's only Sanskrit daily 'Sudharma' too gets a Plaque

Later in the day yesterday, Yuva Brigade Founder Chakravarti Sulibele visited the Office of world's only Sanskrit daily 'Sudharma' and installed the Rellow Plaque at the premises which is located at #561, 2nd Cross, Ramachandra Agrahara in city. The plaque was unveiled by Sudharma Editor Sampath Kumar and his wife K.S. Jayalakshmi. Speaking on the occasion, Chakravarti Sulibele lauded the efforts of Sudharma couple and urged the Sanskrit lovers to come forward and support this noble endeavour.

Sugar baron Murugesh Nirani in city

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Pointing out that he wanted the Factory to be inaugurated by Pramoda Devi as it has an emotional bond with the erstwhile Maharajas, the sugar baron said he has requested her to give a date for the inauguration, which is to happen in two months in the presence of Seers.

Explaining his plans after winning the bid to run the Sugar Factory on a long lease (40 years), he said that his priority is to give jobs for local youths and help the sugarcane growers of the region by issuing flawless bills in accordance with the quantity of cane they supply, which is one among the conditions set by the Government.

Noting that the production capacity of the factory has to be augmented from the existing crushing capacity of 3,500 tonnes per day, he said that the Bilgi Sugar Factory which he owns has a crushing capacity of 50,000 tonnes per day, with a power co-generation plant and a manufacturing facility for production of various by-products such as ethanol and CNG.

When asked about the dues that Pandavapura Factory owes to its workers and farmers, Nirani said that he has learnt that the Factory has to pay debts of Rs.26 crore, which the Government is likely to clear with the lease money (Rs.405 crore) he pays.

To a query on the dues that Nirani Sugars at Bilgi has to pay to the farmers, Nirani admitted that the Factory has to pay dues to the tune of Rs.32 crore.

Pointing out that the Factory was started 21 years ago, he said that the Rs.32 crore due was only for the year 2019-20 and there are no outstanding dues prior to that. "We will clear all dues in the coming days and let you know by an official message," he said and added that the Government owes his Factory Rs.120 crore for various by- products supplied to it over the years.

He further said that many other Sugar Factories in his native Bagalkot District too owe money to the farmers. When asked whether there is no local opposition for his takeover of the Factory, he replied that he was the highest bidder in the global tenders floated by the Government and as such the question of his political affiliations and his nativity does not arise here.

Replying to a query on the objection raised by designated KPCC President D.K. Shivakumar, he said that Shivakumar, who himself is a big entrepreneur, too should have bid for running the Factory. "There is no point in opposing the lease only for the sake of politics. Shivakumar has targeted me just because I am a BJP Legislator and there should be no politics when it comes to the revival of a Factory that is considered as the lifeline for the farming community," he remarked.

He further said that he will hold deliberations with all stakeholders previously involved in the running of the Factory and receive vital inputs and suggestions from them to put the factory back on track.

BJP leader Cable Mahesh and others accompanied Nirani.

Nanjangud youth who returned from UP contracts COVID-19

Nanjangud, June 9 (RS&KS)- A 22-year-old youth, who was studying in Uttar Pradesh (UP) and returned to Nanjangud on June 1, has tested positive for COVID-19. He has been admitted to the COVID Hospital in Mysuru.

A resident of Neelakantanagar in Nanjangud, the youth arrived in Bengaluru via Delhi and was put under facility quarantine for seven days there. As his COVID test report came negative, he was sent to Nanjangud.

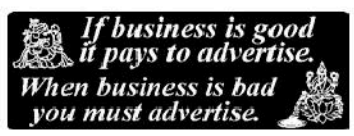
Upon his arrival at Nanjangud, the youth was put under home quarantine and his throat swabs were collected for COVID test. As the lab report confirmed positive for COVID-19 on Sunday evening, City Municipal Council Commissioner Karibasavaiah and the Health Department staff visited Neelakantanagar and sealed down the road on which the house of the youth is located. There are 20 houses on the road where the youth was staying and the residents will be put under home quarantine, said Karibasavaiah.

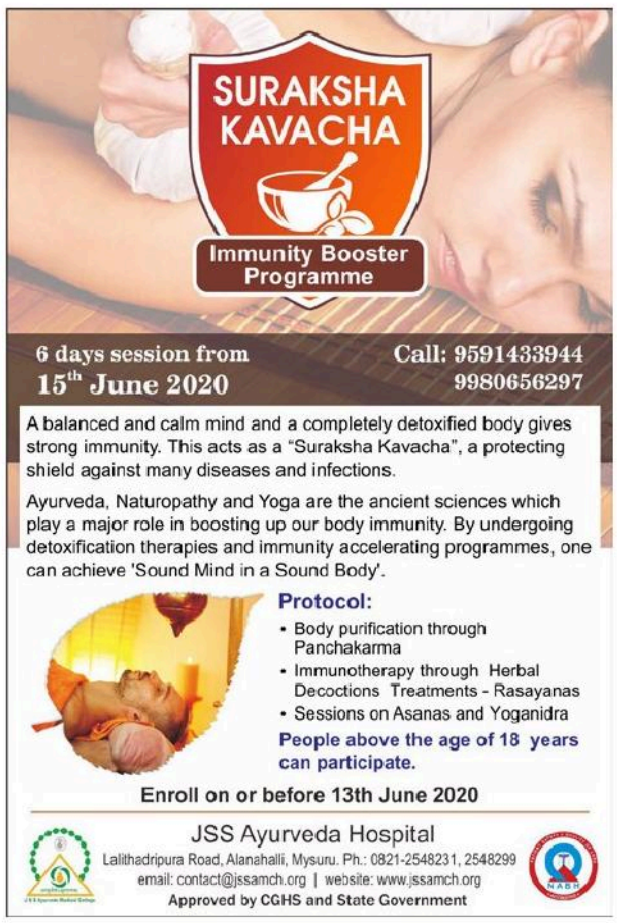
The youth had no COVID-19 symptoms like cough or fever but he has been tested positive; hence the road on which his house is located has been sealed down, said Nanjangud COVID-19 In-charge Dr.Ashwin.

Health Officer Ashok, Sub-Inspector Ravikumar and others visited Neelakantanagar.

COVID control measures at Bavali Check-Post

As part of COVID-19 control measures, disinfectant solution spraying activity was taken up at Bavali Check-Post in H.D. Kote Taluk today, according to Mysuru DC.

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